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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Claims 1-20 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 3-4, 9-10, 13-14, 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anupam et al. (US Patent No. 6,687,739).

1. As per claim 1, a method for providing privacy to a client accessing a chat application on a chat server, comprising the steps of:
 - transmitting a request for the chat application from the client to a first proxy server
 - transmitting the request for the chat application from the first proxy server to a second proxy server, (the browser transmits the request over the Internet to the Web server with which the website is associated and the server downloads the homepage to the browser for viewing by the user. Col 1, lines 30-33) and (the proxy server receives the response and transmits the response to the requesting client. Col 2, lines 14-15)
 - providing a unique ID to the first proxy server from the second proxy server responsive to the request transmitting the request for the chat application and the unique ID from the second proxy server to the chat server; (this information includes a user identification (ID), password and other administrative data necessary for ensuring that the user is an authorized user, col 4, lines 62-65)
 - transmitting a response and the unique ID from the chat server to the second

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proxy server responsive to the request; (this information includes a user identification (ID), password and other administrative data necessary for ensuring that the user is an authorized user, col 4, lines 62-65)

-storing the response at the second proxy server with the unique ID., and accessing the stored response from the first proxy server by providing the unique ID. (stores the response(s) received from the server 320 (via channel 322), and directs the initiating surrogate via its associated browser to retrieve the stored response (via channel 316 or 318). Col 7, lines 55-57)

2. As per claims 3, 9 and 13, the method further comprising the step of pushing the response from the first proxy server to the client. (server 320 then fulfills the request and sends the response, col 8, lines 55-56)

3. As per claims 4, 10 and 14, the method further comprising the step of providing a position of the client to the first proxy server. (a network element operatively positioned between a first device and an information source in the network, retrieving information from the information source in the network for storage in response to receipt of a request from a first browser associated with the first device to retrieve the information, col 10, lines 13-18)

4. As per claim 18, the system wherein the first proxy server is located in an intranet associated with the client. (the computer network is the Internet and the address is a URL), col 10, lines 56-57)

5. As per claim 19, the system wherein the first proxy server is located within an apparatus containing the client. (a network element operatively positioned between a first device and an information source in the network, retrieving information from the information source in the network for storage in response to receipt of a request from a first browser associated with the first device to retrieve the information, col 10, lines 13-18)

6. As per claim 20, the system wherein the second proxy server is accessible from the first proxy server via the internet. (the gateway 312 may preferably be coupled to more than one or all such servers on the Internet. Col 7, lines 40-42)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 5-7, 11-12, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anupam et al (US Patent no. 6,687,739) and further in view of Chaum (Communication of the ACM, Feb 1981, Volume 24, Number 2).

7. As per claims 2 and 12, Anupam et al. disclose a method of a method for providing privacy to a client accessing a chat application on a chat server, Anupam et al. fail to explicitly teach erasing the stored response and the unique ID in the second proxy server responsive to an access by the first proxy server. However, Chaum disclose an untraceable electronic mail; return address, and digital Pseudonyms where the users of the cryptosystem will include not only the correspondents but also a computer called a Mix that will process each item of mail before it is delivered, page 3, lines 13-15). This function can be readily achieved by a mix for a particular batch by removing redundant copies before outputting the batch. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to incorporate Anupam et al. methods and apparatus with Chaums system because Proxy servers have been proposed for improving access to data on the Internet. A proxy server is a facility used by a client (i.e., like a browser), which receives a request for a particular URL from a client (e.g., a Web browser) and forwards the request (on behalf of the client, as its proxy) to the appropriate Web server. The proxy server receives the response and transmits the response to the requesting client. A firewall proxy, for example, accepts requests from a client inside the firewall for data provided by servers outside the

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firewall, and retrieves the data. A caching proxy server additionally saves the obtained response, and provides the response to any other client that autonomously makes the same request, subject to certain rules which govern how long data will be held in the cache, and when it will be refreshed.

8. As per claims 5, and 11, the method further including the step of encrypting transmissions from the first proxy server to the second proxy server using both a first public key of the chat server and a second public key of the second proxy server. (the mix decrypts its input with its private key, throws away the random string R1, and outputs the remainder, page 3, lines 23-25, Chaum)

9. As per claims 6, and 15, the method further includes the step of encrypting transmissions from the second proxy server to the chat server using the first public key of the chat server. (requires a receipt from the first mix of the cascades, page 4, lines 10-11, Chaum)

10. As per claims 7, and 17, the method further including the step of encrypting transmissions from the chat server to the second proxy server using both a first private key of the first proxy server and a second private key of the second proxy server. (the mix decrypts the block removed during the first step, then the mix uses to encrypt each of the 1 blocks of the item, page 6, lines 53-55, Chaum)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Kianersi whose telephone number is (571) 272-3915. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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